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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant requests the Examiner consider references which have been cited in the corresponding German Examination Procedure.

- EP 1 329 280 discloses a method and apparatus for welding, soldering or cutting.

The workpiece is moved relative to a fixed processing unit. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is attached.

- DE 198 14 272 discloses a method for welding steel sheet billets together. The reference discloses a transfer turntable 5 with a workpiece carrier device 1-4 wherein there is movement to a welding point 14. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is attached.

- DE 195 26 466 discloses a process for the transportation of sheet metal for cutting or welding. The document corresponds to U.S. 6,156,996 which is also cited on the attached

PTO-1449 form. Further, an English language abstract is attached.

- DE 100 50 263 discloses a system for focusing a light beam of a laser. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

- US 2001/0017291 discloses a multiple beam laser welding apparatus.

- US 2002/0170889 discloses a laser welding method and apparatus.

- U.S. 6,072,149 discloses a laser beam welding apparatus.

- U.S. 5,359,872 discloses a method and apparatus for sheet metal processing.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider references which have been cited in the International Search Report as follows:

- EP 0 857 536 discloses a laser beam welding apparatus. The reference is in English. The reference has been cited under Categories X and Y with the whole document indicated to be relevant to several claims from the International Application.

- The Publication by John Macken "Remote Laser Welding" has been cited under Category X with the entire document indicated to be relevant to several claims of the International Application.

- U.S. 6,204,469 discloses a laser welding system. This reference has been cited under Category Y with the whole document indicated to be relevant to International claims 3 and 11.

- EP 1 228 833 discloses a laser welding method and apparatus. This reference is in English. The reference has been cited under Category X with the whole document indicated

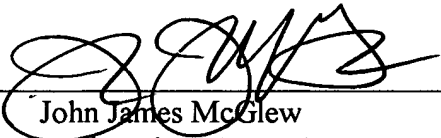
to be relevant to International claims 1 and 10.

- U.S. 4,654,505 discloses a multi-point laser beam welding installation for vehicle bodies. The reference has been cited under Category X with the whole document indicated to be relevant to INTERNATIONAL claims 1 and 10.

Consideration of the references is requested.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Ex- aminer Initial	Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Sub- class	Filing Date
	<u>2001/0017291 A1</u>	<u>Aug. 30, 2001</u>	<u>Bishop</u>			<u>Feb. 27, 2001</u>
	<u>2002/0170889 A1</u>	<u>Nov. 21, 2002</u>	<u>Faitel</u>			<u>Jan. 31, 2001</u>
	<u>6,072,149</u>	<u>June 6, 2000</u>	<u>Maruyama et al.</u>			<u>Feb. 5, 1998</u>
	<u>5,359,872</u>	<u>Nov. 1, 1994</u>	<u>Nashiki</u>			<u>Aug. 28, 1992</u>
	<u>6,204,469</u>	<u>March 20, 2001</u>	<u>Fields, Jr. et al.</u>			<u>March 4, 1999</u>
	<u>4,654,505</u>	<u>March 31, 1987</u>	<u>Sciaky et al.</u>			<u>June 29, 1984</u>

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>EP 1 329 280</u>	<u>July 23, 2003</u>	<u>Europe</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 198 14 272</u>	<u>Oct. 7, 1999</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 195 26 466</u>	<u>April 17, 1997</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 100 50 263</u>	<u>April 18, 2002</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>EP 0 857 536</u>	<u>Aug. 12, 1998</u>	<u>Europe</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>EP 1 228 833</u>	<u>Aug. 7, 2002</u>	<u>Europe</u>			<u>Yes</u>

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Ex- aminer Initial	Author	Date	Title	Textbook in	Translation Yes/No
	<u>John Macken</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>Remote Laser Welding</u>	<u>Advanced Technologies & Processes - pp. 11 - 15; XP-002293450</u>	<u>Yes</u>

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